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Resolution

2005/55
Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fourth session and dates, venue and provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Committee

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of good governance, which flows, inter alia, from a harmonious and balanced relationship of the State, the private sector and civil society, and recognizing the importance of State capacity, including institutional and human resource capacity, in securing steady and sustainable progress towards internationally agreed commitments and objectives,

Recognizing also that all Member States, in particular the developing countries, can greatly benefit from peer learning and the sharing of experiences about innovation and initiative in the public sector,

Recognizing further that the United Nations Public Service Award is an effective means of rewarding outstanding achievements in the area of public administration and encouraging their replication,

Recognizing recent regional initiatives that have led to successful actions to promote integrity, transparency and accountability,

Underscoring the importance of public administration as a tool to support progress on development and human rights in line with the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1]

Reaffirming the need to deepen the participatory processes of government to ensure citizens' engagement to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and to encourage the Secretariat to provide the analytical tools, research capacity and advisory services to that end,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fourth session;[2]

2. *Encourages* countries to ratify, adopt and implement the relevant commitments and conventions in the areas of integrity, transparency and accountability, including those related to the prevention of corrupt policies and practices;

3. *Requests* the Committee of Experts on Public Administration to deepen its analysis of the relationships between State capacity, public administration and development by identifying, for the benefit of interested countries, successful examples, options and solutions in the area of public administration that have facilitated the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

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[1] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[2] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 24* (E/2005/44-E/C.16/2005/6).

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate and promulgate in a more systematic and coherent way innovations and successful practices recognized by the United Nations Public Service Award;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the capacity and the reach of the United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance to serve as a vehicle for sharing knowledge, innovation and practices in public administration, in particular by associating more partner organizations from developing countries with the network;

6. *Approves* the convening of the fifth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in New York from 3 to 7 April 2006;

7. *Also approves* the following agenda for the fifth session of the Committee:

1. Innovation in public administration for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

2. Searching for a bottom-up approach and methodologies for developing foundations and principles of sound public administration (continued from the fourth session);

3. Review of the work programme of the United Nations Programme in Public Administration, Finance and Development.

Decisions

2005/313
Theme for the 2006 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council

At its 41st meeting, on 21 October 2005, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2006 would be as follows:

> "Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development".

2005/314
Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 41st meeting, on 21 October 2005, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly requested the Council to establish the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as subsequent Assembly resolutions, in which the membership of the Executive Committee was increased:

(a) Took note of the request to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the letter dated 12 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;[3]

(b) Recommended that the General Assembly, at its sixtieth session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from sixty-nine to seventy States.

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[3] E/2005/93.